Adulteration of Milk

494. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item captioned "Adulterated Milk" published in Indian Express of 8th July, 1995;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether vegetable fats and soap solution mixture were found in the milk samples purchased and used by Nestle in their product;

(d) if so, the report of the investigation and the reasons for the delay in taking action on this reprot; and

(e) what action is being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) No such reports have appeared in the New Delhi edition of the Indian Express dated 8th July, 1995.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Cases of milk adulteration have been reported from certain States. Prosecutions have been launched in such cases.

(e) Sale of milk or milk products containing any external substance except as permissible under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 is prohibited under the said Rules and is a punishable offence under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act/Rules.

Food Health Authorities of the State/ Union Territories have been reportedly advised to check the quality of food articles including milk and milk products.

Prevention of harassment of Government Officials

495. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Administrative Tribunal, New Delhi has indicated the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and its officials for being biased, issuing charge-sheets without carrying out preliminary investigations, arbitrary in their actions, etc. as has been brought out in the news-item captioned "Ministry drops probe against surgeon" appearing in 'The Hindustan Times' dated the 26th October. 1994;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and the action proposed to be taken against the persons responsible for inviting indictment/harassing Government servants; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to amend the rules to ensure that such harassments are not meted out to Government servants; if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) The Government is aware about the News-item captioned "Ministry drops probe against Surgeon" which appeared in "The Hindustan Times" on the 26th October, 1994. The CAT had ruled in favour of the petitioner and against the respondent viz. Union of India in the instant case.

The Inquiry and subsequent action was a sequel to a complaint received against the Government servants. Action was initiated as provided under the CCS (CCA) Rules.

(c) Docs not arise.